

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 presently are pending in the application. Reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

The Examiner indicates that claims 4 and 6 are objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the recitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, Applicants have rewritten claims 4 and 6 in independent form and have canceled claims 1-3 and 5 without prejudice or disclaimer.

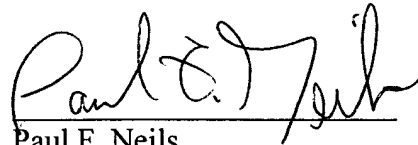
This case is now believed to be in form for immediate allowance.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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